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REMARKS

Thorough examination and careful review of the application by the Examiner is noted and appreciated.

The gracious allowance of claims 13 and 14 by the Examiner is further noted and appreciated.

The indication by the Examiner that claims 7 and 15-17 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, is further noted and appreciated.

Claims 1-3, 5-8 and 10-17 are pending in the application. Claims 1-3, 5-8, 10-12 and 15-17 stand rejected.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC §112

Claim 11 is rejected under 35 USC §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement.

Claim 11 has been cancelled and withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner.

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Claims 1-3, 5-7 and 15-17 are rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1-3 and 5-7 have been cancelled and withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner.

Claim 15 has been amended to alleviate the Examiner's rejection by further reciting the limitation of "through a drive plate". A reconsideration for allowance of claims 15-17 is respectfully requested of the Examiner.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC §103

Claims 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 and 12 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over the admitted prior art shown in Figures 1-3 of the instant application in view of Muka et al '276.

Claims 1-3, 5-6 and 8-10 have been cancelled and withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner.

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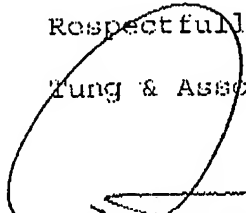
Claims 12 has been amended to change its dependency from claim 8 to claim 13, which has been allowed. A reconsideration for allowance of claim 12 is respectfully requested of the Examiner.

Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims, i.e. claims 12, 16, and 17, are now in condition for allowance. Such favorable action by the Examiner, together with the passage to issuance of allowed claims 13 and 14, at an early date is respectfully solicited.

In the event that the present invention is not in a condition for allowance for any other reasons, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicants' representative at his Bloomfield Hills, Michigan office at (248) 540-4040 such that necessary action may be taken to place the application in a condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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